

REMARKS

This application is a divisional of application USSN 09/936,545, now allowed. This application presents claims that were held non-elected by the Examiner pursuant to a restriction requirement.

It is believed that no further fee is required for the consideration of this Amendment. However, if an additional fee should be required, the Director is authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account 50-0320.

This Amendment cancels claims 1 to 18 without prejudice or the intention of creating estoppel and adds claims 19 to 27. Claim 19, finds support in former claim 18 as well as in the specification on page 4, lines 14 to 26. Support for dependent claims 18 to 26 is found in the specification, especially in the first three paragraphs on page 1, the paragraph bridging pages 2 and 3, and the first full paragraph on page 3. Claim 27 provides for the transdermal administration of hormones using the multipack that was allowed in the parent application. Thus, no new matter is added.

Also enclosed herewith is an IDS, which makes of record all the prior publications cited during the prosecution of the parent application or in the corresponding PCT application. A copy of the International Search Report and a copy of the International Examination Report are also enclosed together with the prior publication themselves.

An early examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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